sought technical and financial support for setting up of a Science City at Hyderabad and the project was estimated to cost around Rs.200 crores.

(d) The State Government has been requested to prepare and send a detailed Project Report.

Tourism in the Concurrent List

2395. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY :
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO :

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any consensus has been arrived at in the meeting of the Chief Ministers held in September, 2001 for putting tourism in the Concurrent List;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it would help to encourage tourism in the country?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN) : (a) and (b) The Chief Ministers' and State Tourism Ministers' Conference was held on 30th October, 2001. The issue of inclusion of 'Tourism' in the Concurrent List was also discussed.

(c) Putting tourism in the Concurrent List will help the development of tourism in India.

Harassment to foreign tourists

2396. DR. C.NARAYANA REDDY : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign tourists are menacingly lured by sex workers at major pilgrim centres in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this evil practice is eroding the image of India to the detriment of tourism promotion; and

(c) if so, in what manner Government propose to curb this menace?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN) : (a) to (c) The safety and security of foreign and domestic tourists in pilgrim Centres and, indeed, in all tourist centres is basically the responsibility of the State Governments. As such the State Governments have been advised to adopt

special legislations and to introduce special tourist police force for safety and security of tourists in their respective States as this will also go a long way towards promotion of India as a safe tourist destination. States of Jammu and Kashmir, Goa, Kerala, Himachal Pradesh, etc. have already set up "tourist police". Some other State Governments are considering introduction of such legislation. Strict action would be taken against those found guilty.

Sale of Artefacts of National Museum

† 2397. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some artefacts of National Museum have been identified for sale;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, whether such a proposal was put forth recently; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Use of Hindi Sahitya Academy and Rashtriya Natya Vidyalala

†2398. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether letters from 'Sahitya Academy' and 'Rashtriya Natya Vidyalaya' are being sent in Hindi to 'A' and 'B' areas as per official language Rules, 1976;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the affirmative, the details of the number of letters sent in English and Hindi, Separately, during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN) :(a) and (b) Sir, Sahitya Akademi and Rashtriya Natya Vidyalaya are implementing the provisions of the Official Language Rules, 1976. However, hundred per cent correspondence in Hindi with 'A' and 'B' areas has not been achieved.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.